

January 25, 1922.

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District Forester,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from your office under the above designation, dated May 14, 1919.

The above letter advised of a meeting held by the U. S. Geographic Survey on April 2, 1919 in which it was decided that "Wynooches" was the proper spelling for the tributary to the Chehalis River, which joins said river just below Montesano. The spelling "Wynooche" and Wynootchee" were rejected.

Upon the receipt of your letter I notified the County Engineer at Montesano and local Grays Harbor papers as well as the District Ranger at Quinault to adopt the above approved spelling, but I must now confess after several years experience, that the new spelling does not meet with local favor. This is quite a large river and the spelling "Wynooche" has been so long used on sign boards at the bridge crossing of the Highway and other points and in various State, county and Forest Service maps that local people cannot be easily persuaded to add the "s".

Ever since this river won fame as the rendezvous, 1912-13, of the terrible Tornow, who killed his two nephews and followed this by exterminating seven or eight ambitious Deputy Sheriffs, local people have been used to pronouncing the name as though ended in ee. Some of the old map spellings used the double e and thus "Wynoochee", but during recent years the prevailing spelling is as mentioned in the forepart of this letter "Wynooche". I have never seen the spelling as approved by the Geographic Board since I have been on the Olympic, over 9 years. I believe we are fully justified in appealing to the Geographic Board for a change in it's former decision so as to adopt the spelling in universal favor and useage in this locality.

Very truly yours,

R; L. Fromme

Forest Supervisor.

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